

#### The Roller Rifles

will march one last time at Reunion 2011 after which the guidon will be furled and only memories will remain. You will want to be on hand for the emotional ceremonies which will say goodbye to the drill team which brought AMA so much glory when the school was open and which filled our hearts with pride as our alumni performed during the last few years at reunion. Be there on the black top Saturday 16 April!



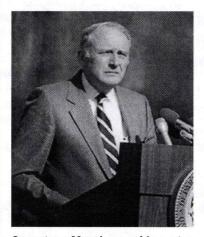
Cadet Captain Phil Pelland leads the 1951 Roller Rifles at the Apple Blossom Festival.



The American Fallen Soldier Project comes to Reunion 2011.

The project was created to provide comfort and healing to the mourning families of fallen military men and women. With the mission to honor, respect and forever remember those who sacrificed their lives while protecting the freedoms we all enjoy, the project makes available to the families, at no cost, original portraits of their fallen loved ones which fully capture their appearance and personality. With the support of American Airlines, artist Phil Taylor is able to present these portraits at special events.

across the country. At the Saturday luncheon during Reunion 2011, the presentation of a portrait will be made to the family of a Virginia soldier killed in Iraq. American Airlines is committed to transporting every fallen serviceman's portrait with utmost dignity and respect, thanks to **Tom DelValle**, `73, Senior Vice President of American.



Secretary Marsh speaking at a military funeral, 1985.

Former Army Secretary Jack Marsh will speak at Founder's Day Ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery honoring Professor Charles S. Roller, a Confederate veteran, and all of the other AMA affiliated men who have served in the Armed Forces. Marsh was a U. S. Congressman from 1963 until 1971 representing most of the Shenandoah Valley. He was the longest serving Secretary of the Army (1981-1989) in the history of our country and was a Distinguished Professor at the George Mason University School of Law and a Senior Fellow at the George Mason Tech Center. Secretary Marsh co-chaired the commission which looked into the treatment of wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

ALSO AT THE REUNION - Casino Night! The Tower of Power! Golf! A visit to the World Famous Homestead! Induction of new AMA Sports Hall of Famers! Legacy Scholarship Awards! Award of AMA Alumni Medals! Display of military equipment! Tribute to Roller Society members! Cannonade from Cummings Battery, Cape Fear Light Artillery! Fellowship Breakfast! The voices of the Staunton Ovation!

AND MOST OF ALL - THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH AMA FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES!



#### Tentative schedule, 2011 Augusta Military Academy Reunion

#### **THURSDAY 14 APRIL**

10 AM ... Alumni House/Museum open PX open at the museum

Noon - 4 PM ... Early bird registration Hospitality Room and PX open, Holiday Inn

Noon - 1 PM ... Casual golf tee times

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INGLESIDE Golf Club

with heavy hors d'oeuvres

Attire: Business casual

The CLUB AT IRONWOOD

(formerly the STAUNTON Country Club)

7:30 PM ..... Hospitality Tent reopens Tower of Power opportunities FRIDAY 15 APRIL 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM ..... Registration, Holiday Inn All day ..... Tower of Power 9:00 AM ..... Visit to The Homestead Hot Springs, VA Historical tour and luncheon Meet in parking lot nearest the PX at the Holiday Inn Hosted by Bev and Frank Williamson, '60 8:30 AM ..... Golfers register, photos **INGLESIDE** Country Club 9:00 AM . . . AMA Open Golf Tournament **INGLESIDE** Country Club Contact: Paul Poluito, '73, cpp2g@virginia.edu or Mickey Toms, `67cmtoms@earthlink.net PX open, Hospitality Tent open Silent Auction begins, Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM .....

4:00 PM . . . . . Homestead tour returns

5:45 PM . AMA Reception, Hospitality Tent

6:30 PM . . . . . Registration room closes.

Last registration will be at 8 AM Saturday!

Alumni House/Museum open

7:00 PM . . . . . AMA Awards Banquet Holiday Inn Ballrooms - Attire: Coat and tie AMA Scholarship Awards AMA Alumni Medals Presidential Eagle presentation



#### SATURDAY 16 APRIL Attire all day: Casual

7:30 AM . . . Light breakfast served in the Annual Membership Meeting Room Jefferson Room, Holiday Inn

8:00 - 8:30 AM ..... Final registration outside meeting room

8:30 AM . . . Annual membership meeting followed immediately by AMA Alumni Board of Directors

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ..... Alumni House/Museum open

All day . . . . Display of military equipment on the Blacktop by **Jim Kilbourne** 

11:00 AM . . . . Founder's Day ceremonies
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery honoring
AMA KIAs from all wars
Master of Ceremonies: Luke Snyder, `60
Former Army Secretary Jack Marsh
AMA Alumni Color Guard
AMA Honor Guard

Cummings Battery, Cape Fear Light Artillery
Commanded by Captain John Butler

Alumni who have passed on since Reunion 2010 will be remembered Stonewall Brigade Band Taps by **Bud Oakey**, '70 Jorge Rovirosa, `70, and Frank Williamson, `60 in front of AMA Alumni House/Museum

Honoring departed Roller Society members
Master of Ceremonies: Gordon Metz, `68

12:15 PM . Soupy sounds, Bud Oakey, `70 Lunch in AMA Gymnasium Master of Ceremonies: Jorge Rovirosa, `70 Presentation of the Colors: AMA Alumni Color Guard

#### **Fallen Soldiers presentation**

White Table and Flag Ceremony Taps: Bud Oakey, `70

Music by the Staunton Ovation

Following lunch, proceed to the Parade Ground

Cannonade by Cumming's Battery,
Cape Fear Light Artillery

Decommissioning of the Roller Rifles

Retreat cemenony

Alumni House/Museum open until 4:30 PM

3:00 PM ..... Hospitality tent reopens

6:00 PM .. Open bar, Holiday Inn hallway All proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation Final hours for Silent Auction bids!

CASINO NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY,

a FUNdraiser for the AMA Foundation with heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks Holiday Inn Ballrooms

8:30 PM . . . . . Silent Auction closes

#### **SUNDAY 17 APRIL**

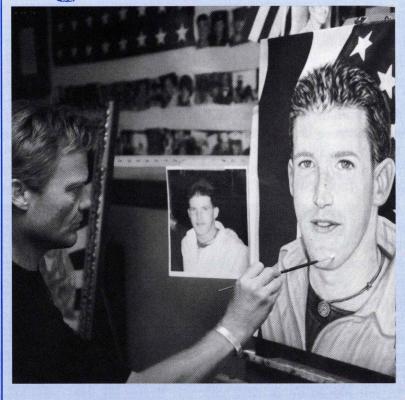
9:00 AM . . . . . Alumni Fellowship Buffet
Coach Bill Ralph, Cafe on the Green,
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM ......Alumni House/Museum open

12 Noon . . . . . . . . . Roller Riders depart from in front of Big Barracks



PORTRAITS OF PATRIOTISM



On Saturday 16 April at the Reunion 2011 luncheon, the family of a Virginia man will receive a special tribute to their hero who was killed in action in Iraq. Sponsored by American Airlines, the family will receive an exquisitely framed portrait of their fallen loved one which will capture his appearance and his personality. Artist Phil Taylor is working even now to provide as much love, comfort and encouragement as possible to this grieving Gold Star family.

Phil labors tirelessly to restore a sense of life and presence of our fallen heroes on canvas. It is a program which has garnered the profound gratitude of the families which have received this unique thank you.





**Sergeant Jason Arnette** 

The American Fallen Soldiers Project, Portraits of Patriotism, is sponsored by American Airlines which has arranged for the presentation to be made at our reunion. We appreciate so much the active involvement of **Tom DelValle**, `73, in the Fallen Soldiers Project and his efforts to have this presentation made on our campus.

This will be an emotional experience for all and an opportunity to personally thank the family of a man who gave his life for his country.

January 2011

To all former members of the Roller Rifles

Gentlemen:

On 28 May 1946, then Major Charles S. Roller, Jr. (later General, and known as the Big Boy) issued General Order No 1 forming an organization at Augusta Military Academy to be known as the Charles S. Roller III Rifles in memory of his son the late Lieutenant Charles S. Roller III. The organization consisted of Major Charles S. Roller, Jr., Honorary Commander, Linda Moorman Roller (Livick), daughter of Charles S. Roller III, Honorary Vice-Commander, and forty-two cadets of the Augusta Military Academy. Cadet membership was based on nomination by the Commander and the head of the Military Science and Tactics Department and voted in by active cadet members from those in the Corps of Cadets who had "demonstrated by devotion to duty and soldierly qualities their worthiness to be a member of this organization."

All of us who attended AMA can remember that the Roller Rifles represented the very best of our respective Corps of Cadets. Whether you aspired to be a member or were a member of the Roller Rifles, one thing is certain: all of us were very proud of the drill team that represented AMA at parades throughout the state of Virginia, at Presidential and Gubernatorial Inaugurations, in Washington, DC and at exhibitions with other military academies at halftime of football games.

At Reunion 2004, a conversation developed among former AMAAA President Garry Granger, '71, Jim Hash, '72 and Tom DelValle, '73, to wit: "Wouldn't it be great if we could get a group of the guys together to reenact a Roller Rifles exhibition at our next reunion?" One thing led to another and to the delight and joy of many of our older alumni, we re-established the unit as the "New" Roller Rifles putting on exhibitions from R2005 to R2008! But tired bones, aches, and pains pretty much put an inglorious end to the Roller Rifles exhibitions. In subsequent years under pressure from numerous alumni and former AMA faculty there were several unsuccessful attempts to resurrect the group.

Prior to the 2010 reunion some of us felt that in honor of Charles S. Roller III, his father, General Charles (Big Boy) Roller, Jr., his daughter, Linda Moorman Roller (Livick), the former members of the Roller Rifles Drill team, and the thousands of AMA Cadets who proudly cheered them that we needed to formally and honorably decommission the drill team in a memorable and worthy fashion. Consequently, we have formed an organizational committee for the Charles S Roller III Rifles decommissioning ceremony which event will take place on the black top on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Part of this ceremony will include the last exhibition of this unit.

You are hereby formally invited to participate in this last historic assembly of the unit, which over the last half century represented the best of Augusta Military Academy. Your willingness to march and participate requires a commitment to attend practice (to be scheduled during the Reunion) and to be in proper uniform for the event. Each participant will receive a commemorative medal and certificate marking this historic event in the proud history of our school.

If you are interested in taking part, contact Steve Traylor at: steve.traylor@comcast.net, Tom DelValle at: scooter111@att.net or Garry Granger at: garryfresh@ verizon.net. They can provide you with all the upto-the-minute details.

Thank you in advance for joining me and many of your AMA brothers in making this ceremony not only a reality but a memorable and historic event which will stay in our hearts forever.

Kindest regards,

Jorge P. Rovirosa, '70

President

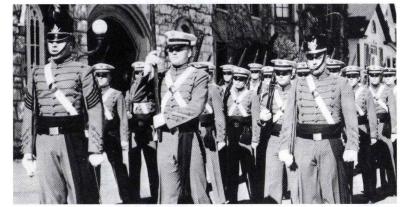
AMA Alumni Association

## The Roller Rifles to end a great run at Reunion 2011

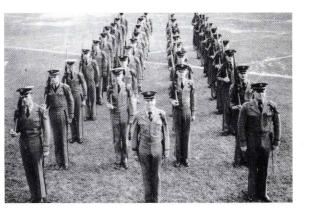
Created at the end of the 1946-47 school year and revived in the 21st Century, the Roller Rifles will perform one more time before the guidon is furled and cased and the unit is deactivated.

The ceremonies will highlight the Reunion 2011 weekend as the Rifles perform for the last time on Saturday 16 April. Over the years, the Roller Rifles brought great glory to AMA excelling in activities like the George Washington Birthday Parade in Alexandria, the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester and at a host of other parades and ceremonies around the state. In 1976 under the command of John Tyminski, `76, the Rifles took first place at a multi-school competition at Morehead State in Kentucky.

When the unit was created, General Charles S. Roller, Jr. was the Honorary Commander and Linda Moorman Roller (Livick) was the Honorary Vice Commander. The unit was named for Charles S. Roller, III, '27, the general's son and Linda's father. Lieutenant Roller had been killed in an automobile accident in 1938. Mrs. Livick will take part in the deactivation ceremonies.



The 1962-63 Roller Rifles won numerous awards: the George Washington Birthday Parade in Alexandria, the Halloween Parade in Waynesboro and the Christmas Parade in Staunton. The unit was commanded by Ralph Butts, '63.



The 1948 Recall had the first yearbook photo of a Roller Rifles platoon. Hal Walters, '48, was the commander of the unit.

Steve Traylor, '72, is leading the effort to sign up marchers with major support from Garry Granger, '71. Tom DelValle, `73, is handling uniform coordination. Doug Pennock, '72, who commanded the rifles his senior year will be in command on Reunion Saturday with Karl Haleamau, `71, as XO and Jorge Rovirosa, '71, carrying the guidon.

Brigadier General Larry Nicholson, '75, has told organizers he wants to march in the ranks. Colonel Dean Hanson, `63, is assisting in creating the appropriate ceremony for the deactivation and Sergeant Don Studer is returning from his trek across the West to help plan and execute the ceremony.

The Rifles will march to drumbeats provided by Keith Traylor, '80, Thom McCabe, '74, and Billy Morales, '73. The Colors will be commanded by Blaine Clarke, '72, with Willis Walker, '71, Brett Thompson, '75, Jim Mitchell, '76, and Tom White,

This will be an event long remembered! Sort of the "Last Hurrah" for a splendid group of troopers who dedicated themselves unselfishly to spending the extra time drilling, purchasing their own uniforms and performing with heart and courage. We salute every former cadet who ever marched with THE ROLLER RIFLES.



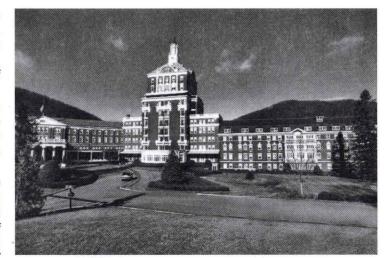
The 1971-72 Roller Rifles commanded by Doug Pennock, '72. Pennock will lead the "new" Roller Rifles onto the drill field for the last time at Reunion 2011.

### Friday trip will be to the world famous Homestead

Friday's motor coach trip at Reunion 2011 will take AMA alumni and friends to The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA. Established in 1766, it has hosted Presidents Thomas Jefferson, Woodrow Wilson, William McKinley, Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan plus crowned heads of Europe and entertainment royalty.

Over the years, The Homestead has become America's Premier Mountain Resort. Golf began here in 1892 and the first tee on the Old Course is the oldest tee in the country still in use. Slamming Sammy Snead made Hot Springs his home and The Homestead his home course.

Reunion goers will travel in a luxurious motor coach to The Homestead where Keene Byrd, '59, the Homestead historian, will tell more history of this famous hotel. We will have a luncheon in a private dining room and have a tour of the extensive property. Sign up on the blue registration form!



## Don't be an April fool!

You will save on your registration fee if you send in your registration by Friday 1 April. This is no April Fool joke you can save by registering on or before 1 April. See the blue registration form for details.

#### 2011 Silent Auction will offer American tickets

With the highest bids, you can own two First Class tickets on American Airlines and a pair of Coach Class tickets at the Reunion 2011 Silent Auction. Annually, Tom DelValle, `73, Senior VP of American, makes the tickets available to raise money for the AMA Alumni Foundation. In past years, there also have been stays at vacation places at the ocean and in the mountains.

If you have something of value to put in this year's Silent Auction, please contact Auction Chairman Dave Conrad, '59, at gramof9@localnet.com. Last year's auction raised \$5,000 with the 2009 auction bringing in a record \$9,000.

#### 5 March is deadline to have scholarship aps postmarked

Those applying for an AMA Legacy Scholarship must have their applications postmarked by 5 March 2011 to be considered. This year, the AMA Alumni Foundation is offering three scholarships, each valued at \$2,000. See details on page 9.

#### Sports Hall of Fame to induct at reunion

New members of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame will be inducted on Saturday at the reunion. Nominations closed on 10 December and the judges are even now evaluating the nominees. Details in the first Bayonet of 2011.

#### No Sporting Clay Shoot this year

Because of the crowded Saturday schedule, there will be no Sporting Clay Shoot at Reunion 2011.

#### Convenient hotels for Reunion 2011

Make your hotel or motel reservations early! There are many things going on in The Valley in the Springtime.

#### Reunion Headquarters Hotel Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center

Newly decorated! \$89.99 a night. \* Exit 225 off I-81 at Virginia Route 275 152 Fairway Lane, Staunton - 540/248-6020

#### Quality Inn

I-81 at Exit 225 96 Baker Lane, Staunton 540/248-5111 FAX 540/248-3122 \$65 a night \*

#### **Best Western**

I-81 at Exit 222 92 Rowe Road, Staunton Four miles from Holiday Inn 540/885-1112 1/800/752-9471 \$79.99 a night \*

#### Sleep Inn

I-81 at Exit 222 222 Jefferson Highway, Staunton Four miles from Holiday Inn 540/887-6500 \$79.99 a night \*

\* plus tax

#### Hampton Inn

I-81 at Exit 220 40 Payne Lane, Staunton Five miles from Holiday Inn 540/887-7000 \$99 a night \*

#### **Hampton Inn**

I-64 at Exit 91 15 Four Square Lane Fishersville Nine miles from Holiday Inn 540/213-9500 \$99 a night \*

#### Residence Inn

by Marriott I-64 at Exit 94 44 Windigrove Drive Wavnesboro 12 miles from Holiday Inn 540/943-7426 \$109 a night



## AND COCKTAIL PARTY

with heavy hors d'oeuvres and U. S. GREENBACKS as prizes ROULETTE! TEXAS HOLD EM! BLACK JACK! CRAPS!



A grand time has been had by all at the last four reunions at Casino Night. You can win some big bucks for yourself while helping AMA at the same time. It is a FUNdraising event with the accent on FUN!

\* \$5,000 FOR YOU AND \$5,000 FOR AMA!

You will NOT be playing against the house!

# SATURDAY 16 APRIL



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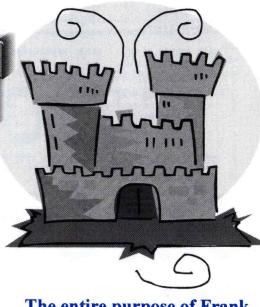
Time to send in your nominations for the 2011 AMA Alumni Medal! The medal or medals will be awarded at Reunion 2011 to someone who has done something very special for AMA, either with one "big" effort or a series of smaller acts. Recipients need not be AMA alumni and they may have received a medal in the past. Who will you nominate for this highest of AMA honors? Submit your nomination to: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net, or by mail to: AMA Medal, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance 24437.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED

BY FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2011

# The Power of Power

You will be able to win bottles of Virginia
Gentleman on both Friday and Saturday during
Reunion 2011! Tickets will be on sale at the
Registration Desk and at other venues at the
reunion. Prize drawings will take place
Friday and Saturday evenings.
Be on the lookout for ticket salespersons.
They will be on the lookout for you!



The entire purpose of Frank and Bev Williamson's TOWER OF POWER is to raise much needed funds for AMA. Be sure to buy your tickets and lots of them!

# 3 for 2

For 2011, three AMA Legacy Scholarships, each worth \$2,000, are being offered!

These scholarships will be awarded at Reunion 2011 to direct descendants (children, grand-children, great-grandchildren, et al) of AMA alumni.

The recipients must be 25 years of age or younger, enrolled in or about to enroll in an educational institution above the high school level.

Applications can be obtained from the AMA Alumni House/Museum, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437.

You may also request an application from: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net.

Or you can download a scholarship application from: www.AMAAlumni.org.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 5 MARCH 2011

All applicants will be notified whether or not they receive a scholarship. Those who are awarded scholarships are requested to attend the Awards Banquet at Reunion 2011 on Saturday evening 16 April. Applications are considered by an independent judge.

# John O. "Jack" Marsh was Shenandoah Valley Congressman, longest serving Army Secretary

For eight years, **John "Jack" Marsh** represented Virginia's Seventh Congressional District in Congress

which included everything from Winchester to Natural Bridge and included Charlottesville, Culpeper and, of course, Augusta County. He received his law degree from Washington and Lee and served in the Virginia National Guard retiring as a lieutenant colonel having earned Senior Parachutist Wings. While a Member of Congress, Marsh served a voluntary 30-day tour of duty in Vietnam.

In 1974, he was named Counselor, with Cabinet rank, to President Ford and in 1981
became the Secretary of the Army. When he retired from that post in 1989, his tenure was the longest of any Secretary of the Army or Secretary of War in the history of the Republic.

On six occasions, he earned the Department of Defense Distinguished Public Service Award and was decorated by the governments of France and Brazil. In 1990, Jack Marsh was named Virginian of the Year and was chosen by the Association of the United

States Army to receive its George Catlett Marshall Medal for public service. In 1996, the National Guard Armory in Woodstock was named in his honor.

He has been a visiting Professor of Ethics at VMI, an Adjunct Professor of Law at the College of William and Mary and a Distinguished Professor at the George Mason School of Law.

In 2008, Defense Secretary Gates appointed Marsh as the co-chairman of the panel which investigated problems at the Walter

Reed Army Hospital in 2008.

We are indeed fortunate to have this dedicated patriot at our reunion to salute the AMA alumni who have served their country in our nation's uniform. He will speak at Founder's Day, then be there for the portrait presentation at the Saturday luncheon.



Jack Marsh

# Flying in for Reunion 2011? Fly AMERICAN!

For several days before and several days after Reunion 2011, you can fly on American with a special AMA discount and rent an Avis car, also at a discount!

You can easily access American's special fares and apply the AMA discount by going to www.aa.com Place the promotion code 5241BL in the promotion code box and your discount will be calculated automatically. This special discount is valid off any applicable published fare for American Airlines, American Eagle and American Connection. International originating passengers should contact the local AA number and refer to the promotion code number. You can also call 1/800/433-1790 to book a flight but there will be a service charge of \$20. For airport purchase, the service charge is \$30.

The AMA Reunion Discount is valid for travel from 11 April through 20 April into the following six area airports: (The 2011 reunion is 14-16 April)

- \* the three Washington airports (Dulles, Reagan [National] and Baltimore-Washington International)
- \* Richmond, VA \* Norfolk, VA or \* Charlotte, NC

AA Advantage members are strongly encouraged to save their SFPD to their account profile at: www.aa.com/MyAccount

When you fly on American with the AMA discount, you are also entitled to a special discount from Avis. Your Avis Worldwide Discount Number is AWD: G027999. This discount number is designed to shop the best available

rate, includes *unlimited mileage* and is available from seven days before the reunion until seven days after the reunion. Reservations should be made by calling Avis at 1/888/754-8878 or by using this link: www.avis.com/AvisWeb/reservation.ReservationsInitializer?&AWD NUMBER=G027999





Non-Profit Organization
Postage and Fees Paid
Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Foundation

Register for Reunion 2011 by 1 April and you will SAVE!



We need your help in rounding up "goodies" for the players!

Do you or your company have things that can be used as prizes such as umbrellas, caps, balls, towels, golf tees, etc? If not, we'll take CASH! Please contact Mickey Toms at: cmtoms@earthlink.com or Paul Poluito at: cpp2q@virgina.edu

#### THE 2011 AMA OPEN

A four-person scramble (Captain's choice) with all proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation EVERYONE WELCOME! MEN, LADIES AND TEENS

Use every player's tee shot twice. Lowest score wins!

PRIZES: I<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Place! Best putt! Longest drive! Closest to the pin!

Drawing for Mulligan prizes! \$10 per Mulligan! Limit: two per player

FEES: \$100° per person includes 18 holes, green fees, cart rental, refreshments, box lunch, Goody Bag and a donation to the AMA Alumni Foundation. \* Includes two Mulligans

#### Ingleside Country Club

Friday 15 April at 9 AM - Shotgun start
Please return the entry form by 7 April

Sign up form for the 2011 AMA Golf Open					
Your name and your Class	-			*	
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Handicap, or last three scores				I'll play with anyone	P
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Photocopy will be accepted